

CARRIERS DENIED EARLY DECISION

I. C. C. Will Not Extend Scope
of Rate Arguments Set
for April 27.

CONFINED TO INQUIRY

Collateral Questions Instituted by
Commission, Statement Asserts.
Will Be Taken Up Later.

An announcement made by the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday afternoon does not offer much encouragement to the carriers, who are petitioning for an increase in freight rates to be made on an early decision. The commission reiterates the statement of Chairman Harlan made on April 3, that arguments would be heard April 27 on certain features of the case, and that collateral questions instituted by the commission itself would be taken up later.

The announcement will come somewhat in the nature of a damper to the carriers, as it was believed that as a result of the argument on April 27 some relief would be granted. The commission's announcement at the present time is understood to be based on the fact that the commission does not intend to be hurried.

Announcement of Commission.
While the commission expedited the argument in the case, it was with the explanation that it would later take up such questions as lighterage, free switching, spotting, storage, etc., to ascertain if the carriers by changing their practices and charging for these services might not make up the needed additional income. This is the announcement of the commission.

Pursuant to the announcement heretofore made, the Interstate Commerce Commission will hear arguments in these cases that instituted by the commission and that filed by the carriers when they filed tariffs asking for an increase of 3 per cent in rates on April 27, 1914, by which time also all briefs touching the issues involved must be filed. The argument will embrace all the questions presented on the record, and the commission will deal with the financial condition and requirements of the carriers and with the rate schedules under suspension in the proceeding. It is now closed except as to such questions as have been requested of record and except as to the replies from the carriers to the questions touching their financial condition and requirements submitted by the commission in its circular letter of December 20, 1913.

Hearings to Be Complete.

"It will be understood, however, that the record will not be closed as to the collateral matters involved in the inquiry instituted by the commission until the replies of the carriers on these questions, submitted by the commission in its circular letter of December 20, 1913, and February 26, 1914, have been filed, the investigations by the commission in connection therewith, now approaching completion, have been placed on record, and until the hearings, now in contemplation, upon these last mentioned matters have been held."

The circular of December 20 comprises a list of seventy-eight questions with subquestions as to cost of material, etc. The circular of February 26, 1914, collecting and delivering freight, storing freight, transporting containers, furnishing or paying for wharfage or dockage, refrigeration service, etc.

In brief, the commission now announces unequivocally that the argument on April 27 will be confined to the inquiry propounded by it.

"Do the present rates of transportation yield to common carriers by railroads operating in official classification territory adequate revenue?"

How Situation Is to Be Met.
When this question has been settled, the commission will take up the second query propounded by it:

"If not, what general course may carriers pursue to meet the situation?"

In other words, are they to meet it by changing for services which they now perform free, changes in methods, practices, etc., or by a decision of the commission permitting a flat increase in freight rates?

The commission has intimated that the carriers should be paid for lighterage, spotting, switching, etc., and has started also a proceeding suggesting the advisability of eliminating the lower freight rates on import traffic and charging for this traffic the same rates that are charged domestic traffic.

CUMMINS DENIES CARRIERS NEED INCREASE IN RATES

A denial that railroads need their rates advanced 3 per cent was made in the Senate yesterday by Senator Cummins, who supported his assertion with a set of lengthy figures showing railroad capital, earnings, and expenses. He asserted that railroads are at present sharing in a general depression which they must bear with merchants and manufacturers.

Senator Cummins declared that the earnings of the roads are more than ample to maintain the financial integrity of their securities, that there is a strong upward tendency in their earnings, year by year, and that the railroads are spending more money than ever before in maintenance of their property. He criticized strongly that term of a deliberate campaign to mislead the public into thinking that government regulation of railroads is a failure.

"I beg to remind Senators," said Senator Cummins, "that an advance in railroad rates of 5 per cent will amount to more in one year than our coastwise ships, which are charged full tolls, would pay in more than half a century. However important our commerce by way of Panama may become it will always be insignificant when compared with the transportation of land carriers."

Senator Cummins presented elaborate tables showing the earning power of securities, in order to show what railroads should regard as a reasonable return on capital.

In 1899 the average rate of interest on securities in the United States was 4.42, in 1911 it was 3.52. Senator Cummins said that a list of Eastern railroad properties showed average yield to investors of 4.86 per cent on stock and 4.25 on bonds.

**SENATOR LEWIS HAS
PANACEA FOR NATION**
He Offers Bills that Provide Government Owned Railroads and Other Things.

Senator Lewis of Illinois, yesterday introduced in the Senate three bills which virtually contemplate the direction of all American business by a commission form of government. The first authorizes the United States government to build a certain number of merchant vessels, which shall remain the property of the government, subject to lease to individuals, firms, or corporations, and further subject to requisition by the government for purposes of war.

The second seeks to create a "national commission of commerce and industry" to consolidate the regulation of supervision into a single body of transportation, banking, finance, and manufacturing, and for the abolishment of all other commissions or agencies in conflict therewith.

ALEXANDRIA ELKS INSTALL OFFICERS

Children Troop to George Washington
Park for Annual Easter
Egg Rolling.

CORPORATION COURT OPENS

Alexandria, Va., April 13.—Armed with baskets containing eggs dyed every color of the rainbow, hundreds of children of this city and Alexandria county this afternoon invaded George Washington Park for the Easter egg-rolling. They raced and romped over the big hill throughout the afternoon, many remaining until dark.

Amusements of all kinds were in order, and with the ideal weather there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the toils. When the children left the park there was evidence in plenty of the sport.

A large number of children also went egg-rolling to the Dyke, three miles below Alexandria, and the hills surrounding the city also were made the arenas for egg battles.

The recently elected officers of Alexandria Lodge, No. 735, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, were installed tonight by R. S. Barrett, district deputy grand exalted ruler. The officers are as follows: George T. Caton, exalted ruler; John E. Main, president; George W. Bontz, esteemed loyal knight; Raymond Blumenfeld, esteemed lecturing knight; Walter M. Donnelly, secretary; Herman Friedlander, treasurer; Thomas D. Downey, tiler; James Callan, trustee for three years.

The funeral of Capt. Herbert Bryant took place at noon today from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector, conducted the services. Burial was made in Ivy Hill Cemetery. Members of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, attended.

The honorary pallbearers were: W. A. Smoot, J. R. Zimmerman, Capt. R. F. Knox, Dr. W. M. Smith, Col. Arthur Herbert, Julian T. Burke, John L. Marry, Edward J. Daigniere, and Dr. H. Warren Buckler, and Clarence C. Whiting, Baltimore.

Active pallbearers were: Arthur Herbert, Jr., C. W. Wattle, H. E. Burke, Archie R. Hoxton, H. Rozier Dulany, and C. S. Taylor Burke.

The quarterly term of the Corporation Court, Judge I. C. Barley presiding, opened this morning. The docket was called and a number of cases fixed for trial and other business disposed of.

In the Corporation Court today final decrees for divorce were given in the cases of Elsie M. Stupper, chancery against Louis A. Lehmann, and the plaintiff was given permission to resume the use of her maiden name. The same disposition was made of the case of Joseph A. Baur against Nellie T. Owen Baur.

Funeral services for Roster F. Cleveland were held at the residence, 1001 Bailey's Cross Roads, Fairfax County, this afternoon. Rev. Dr. A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, officiated. Burial was in the cemetery at that place.

Samarian Rebekah Lodge of Odd Fellows will hold a meeting at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night at Odd Fellows' Hall. A communication will be read from the secretary of the grand assembly.

The Willard Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold a meeting at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at 713 Cameron street.

Through Graham & Ogden, real estate dealers, Ethelbert Tatpauha has sold to Harry E. Foxeans the two-story brick dwelling house, 1511 King street.

Messrs. J. D. Normore and W. C. H. Wildt have returned from a month's cruise to the West Indies, Panama, and South America.

The public schools of the city and a number of the private schools will be reopened tomorrow after the annual Easter holidays.

APRIL BLIZZARD IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Quebec, April 13.—An April blizzard struck this city today. There was a heavy fall of snow and the wind broke a number of windows. The municipal electric lighting system was partially destroyed.

Under the Capitol Dome.

Senator Thomas yesterday attacked the proposed increase of freight rates for the railroads west of Chicago and called to the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission the alleged serious overcapitalization of American railroads. He declared that the advance in rates was needed only to pay dividends on a greater volume of water in the stocks. A communication demanding that the Union Pacific use part of the \$10,000,000 recently realized on the sale of its Southern Pacific holdings to retire the \$50,000,000 bond issue, which it used to purchase the Southern Pacific stock, was introduced into the Record by the Colorado Senator.

Senator Hitchcock allowed to go over on the Senate calendar until today his resolution calling upon the organization committee of the Federal Reserve Board for all information and reasoning upon which was based the selection of reserve banks, cities and the creation of the reserve district.

The office of United States commissioner is removed from a fee basis and given a salary of \$4,000 per annum in cities of 250,000 to 400,000 population by a bill introduced by Senator Shafroth, of Colorado. It provides that one commissioner shall be named by each United States District Court. It strikes particularly at the commissionership in Denver, where trouble has been experienced with the fee system.

Gov. Earl Brewer, of Mississippi, addressed to the Senate, through Vice President Marshall, a memorial asking Federal aid for the accommodation of Union and Confederate veterans at Vicksburg, Miss., in October of next year at the semi-centennial celebration of peace between the States.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, denied the report current in his State that he would be a candidate for the Senate. "I am not a candidate for the Senate," said Rainey, "and do not intend to become a candidate. I do not know where such a report originated."

Senator Sherman spoke in opposition to the McCumber bill providing Federal inspection and standardization of grain. Senator Sherman has consumed the better part of two days already in opposing the measure, and he had not concluded yesterday when the bill was laid aside to permit an executive session of the Senate. Senator Nelson, Senator Reid, and Senator Lodge also are opposed to the bill.

NOTED AUTHOR IS ARRESTED.
London, April 13.—W. H. T. Crossland, well-known journalist and author, was arrested today in Marlborough Street Police Court charged with conspiring with Lord Alfredo Douglas to ruin the reputation of Robert Ross, literary executor of the late Oscar Wilde. Ball was fixed at \$5,000.

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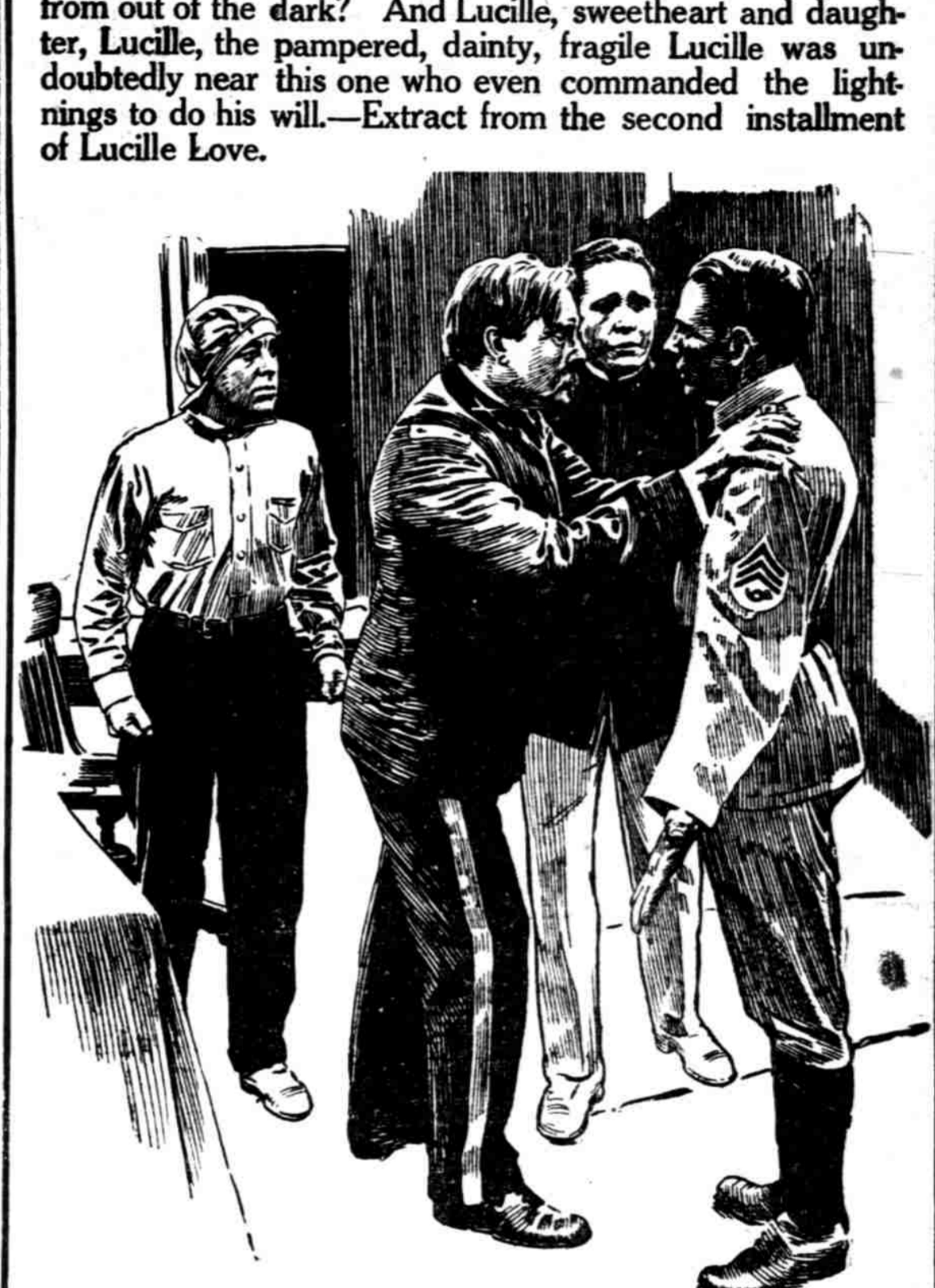
"Certainly I sent a message immediately Harley told his story. As he spoke the wireless operator's assistant made his way swiftly toward them.

"Sir," he reported, "the operator has tried to reach the Empress but there is no response."

"No response! Ridiculous!" The General scoffed. "She has a powerful sending apparatus."

"The operator, sir, thinks it must be disabled."

General Love stared at the aide. Fear gleamed in the eyes of both men, a mutual fear for a mutual object. Who was this unseen enemy who struck such fierce blows from out of the dark? And Lucille, sweetheart and daughter, Lucille, the pampered, dainty, fragile Lucille was undoubtedly near this one who even commanded the lightnings to do his will.—Extract from the second installment of Lucille Love.



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